# Board of County Commissioners Nassau County, Florida



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Ribbon Cutting for the Rebecca Jordi County Extension Office
- 2022 Sustainability Award for State Road 200 Corridor Master Plan
- Designation of ARPA funds to Town of Callahan for Economic Development and Job Growth
- State Legislature approves funding for Amelia Island Trail
- Budget Workshop for Discussion of Tentative FY 2022/2023 budget



Silver Level Award for Healthiest Companies

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## COUNTY RECEIVES 2022 SUSTAINABILITY AWARD OF STATE ROAD 200 CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN

Nassau County has received its second award for the State Road 200 Corridor Master Plan. The first award was an Award of Excellence in Planning from the Northeast Florida Regional Council earned in January 2022. This most recent award is the 2022 Sustainability Award from the Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA) which was earned for creating a plan that improves on and harmonizes with the natural environment.

This plan was the result of a two-year planning initiative which consisted of online citizen surveys, interviews and community meetings in which stakeholders were asked to share their thoughts about the State Road 200/A1A Corridor.

This process revealed that county residents, young and old, share a desire for a safe, comfortable, and attractive corridor that connects them to the places they are seeking access to. They also desire more trees, sidewalk/bicycle paths, and gathering spaces such as parks and public markets. At the Board of County Commissioner's meeting held on December 13, 2021, the Board adopted a Resolution approving the SR200/A1A Corridor Master Plan which will serve as the blueprint for plan implementation through upcoming comprehensive plan policies and land development code standards.

Joseph Quinn, Senior Project Manager for the Southwest Florida Water Management District and President of the FPZA, stated, "The Nassau County State Road 200/A1A Corridor Master Plan reflects the incredible long-range vision of staff, residents, businesses owners, and others to foster a sense of community and connectivity not traditionally seen in such carcentric corridors. The broad stakeholder engagement in the Master Plan development is a testament to the community's desire to create a vibrant, connected, and sustainable corridor addressing enhanced livability for both current and future residents. Given the exceptional aspects of the State Road 200/A1A Master Plan, the Florida Planning and Zoning Association was extremely excited to present Nassau County with the 2022 Sustainability Award!"

To view the State Road 200 Corridor Master Plan, please visit the Planning Department's webpage at <a href="https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/107/Planning-Department">www.nassaucountyfl.com/107/Planning-Department</a> and then click on "Master Plans and Vision Documents".



Nassau Couty Planning Director, Thad Crowe, accepted the award on behalf of the County at the FPZA Conference in June

## Board to Designate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Town of Callahan to Expand Water and Sewer Services for Economic



The Crawford Diamond Industrial Park is a McCallum Sweeney Certified Industrial Park consisting of 1,814 acres and approved for up to 10.5 million square feet of heavy industrial use. This site is located off Crawford Road in the Callahan area. It's proximity to three ports, two interstates, and two railroad lines makes it a prime location for Economic Development with the opportunity to brings thousands of jobs to Nassau County. However, attracting companies has been difficult due to the site's lack of water and sewer services.

A coalition consisting of the Board of County Commissioners, the Nassau County Economic Development Board, JaxUSA, and the Town of Callahan have been collaborating efforts to expand the Town's current water and sewer system to the Crawford Diamond.

In an attempt to fund the expansion, the Town of Callahan applied for a 21/22 Florida Job Growth Public Infrastructure Grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$4 million. In order to qualify for the grant, the Town of Callahan needed support from the Board of County Commissioners. The County's contribution will be the final financial piece to make this estimated \$12 million project a reality. The investments into these critical infrastructure projects will place the County in a very competitive position to bring significant economic development and job growth within the County.

On January 4, 2022, County Manager, Taco Pope, sent a letter to the Economic Development Board tentatively committing \$4 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding received from the U.S. Department of Treasury following the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding the project is consistent with guidelines set forth by the U.S. Treasury and the Nassau County Prosperity Plan adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in May 2021.

In the January 4th memo, Mr. Pope stated, "The establishment of a public water system to serve the Crawford Diamond Industrial Park supports community goals by creating a more diversified, resilient, sustainable and prosperous local economic ecosystem; improves access to public water; creates high wage jobs; leverages state and federal dollars to build strategic infrastructure; and expands the local tax base".

We are excited to announce that on Monday, June 20, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis visited Nassau County and presented the Town of Callahan with a check to assist in funding the project! This funding is in addition to \$4 million awarded to the Town during the previous fiscal year.

Following the Governor's check presentation to the Town of Callahan, County Manager, Taco Pope, stated, "This is a big day for Nassau County! By working together to find solutions, the Coalition has finally found a way to bring water to the Crawford Diamond. The Board of Commissioners will continue to invest in infrastructure and to expanding our County's workforce to strengthen our local economy".

Construction of the water plant follows the \$9 million Crawford Road improvements project completed by the Board of County Commissioners in November 2021. Later this year, the Board of County Commissioners will commence a \$2 million intersection improvement project at US 301 and Crawford Road to allow heavy truck traffic to access the Crawford Diamond Industrial Park.

Sherri Mitchell, Executive Director for the Nassau County Economic Development Board, stated, "This is such an exciting time for Nassau County and I couldn't be more thrilled! When we all work together to create planned developments that are diverse, we are truly paving the way for a stronger future. I want to thank the Board of County Commissioners and the Town of Callahan for their commitment to this specific infrastructure project for the Crawford Diamond. Infrastructure is crucially important to foster Nassau County's economic development and prosperity. This is a game changer and will have a direct effect as it contributes to higher productivity and growth, facilitates connectivity, and promotes economic inclusion."



## **Ribbon Cutting Held for New County Extension Office**

On Friday, June 10, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners hosted a Ribbon Cutting in celebration of the new Rebecca L. Jordi Cooperative Extension Office. This site will serve as the primary office for the County Extension, with the existing Callahan office functioning as an annex. The County Extension offers classes and information related to 4-H youth development, agriculture and natural resources, lawns and landscapes, and family and consumer services.

The Board broke ground on the facility on May 15, 2019 and since that time, nearly 6,500 manhours have been spent bringing this project to fruition. This includes over 3,400 manhours from our Road Department staff that consisted of clearing land, preparing the site, and pouring concrete for driveways, parking lots and sidewalks, as well as 3,000 + manhours from our Facilities staff that consisted of digging trenches for utilities, laying carpet, installing air conditioning, drywalling, painting, and much, much more. Building the facility in-house resulted in significant savings to the County.

At the beginning of the event, Commissioner Thomas Ford stated, "While there are still some small items that need to be completed before it (the site) is fully opened, we are excited about the progress that has been made and are happy to be here celebrating with you today. We appreciate each and every one of the employees who worked diligently to get us to this point, as well as to the late Rebecca Jordi who recognized the need for the facility and pushed to make it a reality. It has truly been a group effort and while it has not been easy, we can feel proud of what we have accomplished. We trust this new site will serve the residents well for many years to come".

Commissioner Jeff Gray spoke about Mrs. Jordi's outstanding work effort and achievements. "While in her position as Director, Becky initiated many projects and programs including, but not limited to, demonstration gardens at County facilities; landscape matters classes; plant clinics; and crash courses in gardening. She had a standing guest column in the News-Leader and also appeared several times on WTLV 12's First Coast Living. She spoke with excitement and passion and was often called upon to speak at events around the State, including speaking engagements at Epcot's annual home and garden show. Becky was a one-of-a-kind employee who dedicated countless hours serving the County and its residents. We are happy to honor her legacy through the naming of this facility which will serve as a reminder of all her great contributions to our community".

Other speakers during the event included Dr. Taylor Clem, Becky's husband Doug Jordi, and a close relative who all shared stories about Becky's love of agriculture and horticulture, her passion for teaching others, and her vision for the new facility.

The also event included a tree dedication in Becky's honor by Keep Nassau Beautiful, the ceremonial ribbon cutting, and a brief tour of the facility.















## State Legislature Approves Funding for the Amelia Island Trail

Nassau County, in partnership with the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), has taken a proactive approach in developing a safe and viable non-vehicular transportation system to improve mobility throughout the County. Part of this effort includes development of the Amelia Island Trail, a multi-use path that allows residents and visitors on Amelia Island to easily access the places they want to go without having to drive there. The trail's convenient location provides access to parks, beach accesses, and a variety of shopping and dining venues by foot or bicycle, thus reducing the need for a vehicle and alleviating traffic.

The County has been working closely with the City of Fernandina Beach and members of the Friends of the Amelia Island Trail to identify a path to extend the existing Amelia Island Trail from Simmons Road to the City of Fernandina Beach Waterfront. The initial estimate for this project came to approximately \$7.4 million and left the City and County searching for funding mechanisms. The County ultimately submitted this project to the TPO as a top priority project. Then, the County submitted a funding request to the House of Representatives and the Florida Senate to be considered during the 2022 Legislative Session.

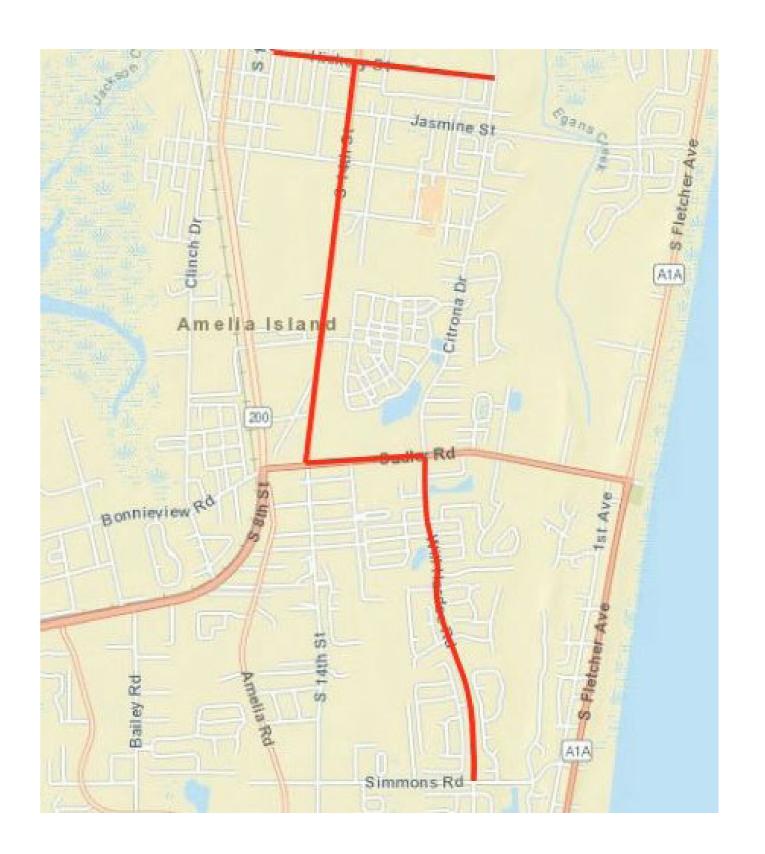
We are pleased to announce that during the 2022 Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature appropriated \$5.1 million in Legislative Funding to Nassau County to be used to extend the Amelia Island Trail from Simmons Road to Hickory Street. The Trail route will follow the Will Hardee, Sadler Road, and 14th Street corridors. In coordination with the City of Fernandina Beach, additional funding will be needed to complete the segment from FBMS/FBHS to the waterfront.

Kelly Gibson, Planning Director for the City of Fernandina Beach, stated, "Extending the trail offers additional off-road options for our community to support daily needs and increase recreational opportunities. This funding supports the over two decades of planning and coordination efforts to connect Amelia Island through walking and biking trails. Benefits of the trail extensions will serve our residents, tourists and local businesses for many years to come".

Mike Pikula, President of the Friends of the Amelia Island Trail, stated, "From the perspective of Amelia Island's many walkers, runners, and cyclists, this \$5.1 appropriation for construction of a northward extension of the Amelia Island Trail is tremendous news! We appreciate the County and the City of Fernandina Beach for supporting our efforts in developing the trail and for their commitment to improving the quality of life for our community."

The Legislative funding will be made available to the County in 2023. Once received, the County will begin the design phase of the project.

The Board appreciates the Legislative Delegation for supporting its request for funding, particularly Senator Aaron Bean and former State Representative (now Secretary of State), Cord Byrd, as they championed for Nassau County to ensure our needs were met during this year's Legislative Session. The Board also extends their gratitude to the City of Fernandina Beach for their support of our efforts to expand the trail and the Friends of the Amelia Island Trail for their partnership in development of the trail.



## **Resolutions for June**



At the Monday, June 13, 2022 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution No. 2022-113 recognizing the efforts of Glenda Simmons-Jenkins and commending her on her Florida Archaeological Council 2022 Stewards of Heritage Award.

Ms. Simmons-Jenkins is a resident of Nassau County who has dedicated countless hours locating and documenting African-American heritage in northeast Florida. Her efforts include identification and updates to numerous sites to the Florida Master Site File, including but not limited to, the Harper Chapel Cemetery; Hughes/Friendship archaeological site; Gross Cemetery; Jones Jacob Wilder Cemetery, Martin Cemetery; Friendship Baptist Church; Third Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Silver Square Masonic

Lodge; and the Amos White Community Center.

Ms. Simmons-Jenkins also serves as a Florida Representative for the Gullah/Geechee Nation, and as a co-founder of the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Committee of Northeast Florida, a group that works to elevate the voices of Gullah/Geechee descendants and to protect their cultural practices, resources, and landscapes. The Gullah/Geechee people have an extensive history in Nassau County that includes Evergreen, Sandhill, White Oak, Kings Ferry, Lessie, Hero, Piney, O'Neil and Nassauville.

It was announced on May 6, 2022 that Ms. Simmons-Jenkins is the proud recipient of the Florida Archaeological Council's Stewards of Heritage Award which recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding contributions to aid archaeological preservation and promote public awareness of Florida's heritage.

Pictured: Commissioner Jeff Gray and Glenda Simmons Jenkins

At the Monday, June 13, 2022, the Board approved Resolution No. 2022-112 proclaiming June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth Independence Day in Nassau County, Florida.

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863 and on May 20, 1865, General Edward Cook rode into Tallahassee to execute enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation and announced that enslaved Africans in Florida were freed. Then, on June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced the end of the Civil War and the



end of slavery. African Americans in Texas began celebrating this date to commemorate their release from chattel enslavement.

In 1991, the Florida Legislature designated June 19th of each year as "Juneteenth Day" in recognition of the traditional observance that began in Texas. And in 2021, the United States Congress passed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, making Juneteenth a Federal Holiday.

Pictured: Commissioner John Martin; Resident Gloria Thomas; and Resident Glenda Simmons-Jenkins

At the Wednesday, June 15th meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution No. 2022-128, proclaiming the week of June 25-July 1, 2022, as "National Boys & Girls Club Week" in Nassau County, Florida.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County instill young people with the self-confidence to believe that they can succeed at anything they put their minds to and stand at the forefront of efforts in the areas of child safety, academics, fair play, healthy lifestyles, and character. They also help ensure that young people have a safe supportive place to spend time and will provide them with quality youth development programs.

There are approximately 4,000 clubs and over 2 million children and teen attendees nationwide. Nassau County currently has three Boys & Girls Club locations that serve 700 young people annually. To learn more about Boys & Girls Club centers in Nassau County, please visit their website at <a href="https://bgcnassau.org/">https://bgcnassau.org/</a>.

Pictured: Commissioner Aaron Bell; Jamie Thompson, Area Director for the Boys & Girls Club of Nassau; and Sherryl Smith, Service Director for the Freedom Miller Center



## Office of Management & Budget



## **Budget Division**

- Completed draft of the 22/23 26/27 Capital Improvement Plan to be considered by the Board in July
- Completed draft of the 22/23 Fleet Replacement Program (FRP)



## **BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULED**

The Board has scheduled a Workshop Session for Monday, July 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. for a presentation and discussion of the tentative budget for FY 2022-2023.

## **SHIP/Grants Division**

The grants division submitted 4 grant applications:

- Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program: \$9 million for the William Burgess Extension
- 2022 Derelict Vessel Grant: removal of 4 derelict vessels in the amount of \$77,500
- 2022 COPS Hiring Program Grant for the Sheriff to add 4 deputy positions in the amount of \$500,000
- 2022 Port Security Grant valued at \$375,000 for the Sheriff's Office to purchase Rapid Response Patrol Vessel for NSCO Marine Unit for security and patrol efforts of waterways

Chris Lacambra, OMB Director 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 2 Yulee, FL 32097 (904) 530-6010, option 2 clacambra@nassaucountyfl.com To view all OMB activities for June 2022, please visit <a href="https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/168/Management-Budget">https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/168/Management-Budget</a>

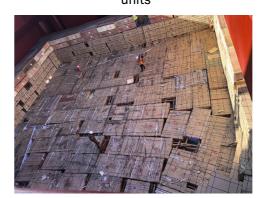
## Fire/Rescue

Call Type	# of Calls for June	Quarter: April - June 2022
Medical Calls	820	2,399
Fire Calls	121	363
*Other Calls	2	13

\*Examples of "other" calls include lift assistance, downed wires, stranded motorists, etc.



Ron Gordon and Joe Howell preparing to distribute new MSA Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus



Cargo ship photo the day before the fire. It contained bundles of plywood



Ladder 20 was used as an elevated waterway to provide water to extinguish a cargo fire at the port



Photo of cargo ship after the fire was extinguished

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To view all Fire Rescue activities for June 2022, please visit <a href="https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/122/Fire-Rescue">https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/122/Fire-Rescue</a>



The Library System circulated 18,563 items in June. This includes books, audio books, cds/dvds, and other items that can be checked out at any of the 5 library branches.



Activity	June 2022	Quarter: April - June, 2022
Items Circulated	18,563	49,370
Library Cards Issued	405	1,782
Gate Count	10,987	26,104
Computer Use (hrs)	687	1,870
Computer Use (ppl)	898	2,430
Reference Questions	987	2,949

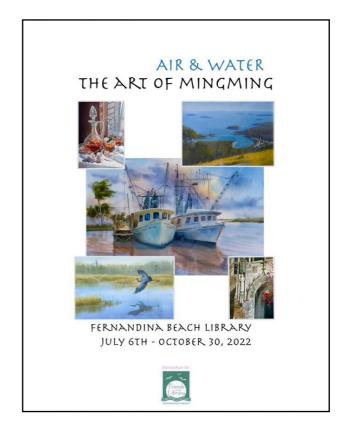
## **Other Activities**

- During the third quarter (April June 2022), a total of 7,826 users viewed items in the Cloud Library and Hoopla service.
- 509 individuals utilized the Library lockers to pick up and/or return books.
- 3,145 individuals participated in virtual library programs.

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Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 530-6500
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To view all Library activities for June 2022, please visit www.nassaureads.com

## **NEW LIBRARY EXHIBIT**



A new Library Exhibit will be on display at the Fernandina Beach Branch Library from July 6 - October 30, 2022. This new exhibit is titled: Air & Water - The Art of Mingming. This Exhibit will showcase the watercolor and oil painting work of local artist, Mingming Bowerson.

The Exhibit features artwork of boats, harbors, landscapes, and floral still lifes in both watercolor and oil. The work is notable for its exquisite photographic-like detail.

The Exhibit can be viewed during normal Library business hours.

If you have any questions, call (904) 530-6500 or email libraryinfo@nassaucountyfl. com.

## **PASSPORT DAY**



Passport Day will take place at the Fernandina Beach Branch Library on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 9am-5pm.

Library staff will assit you in preparing and submitting your passport application to the State and will take your photo on-site.

Appointments are strongly encouraged, however walk-ins are also welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact the Library directly.

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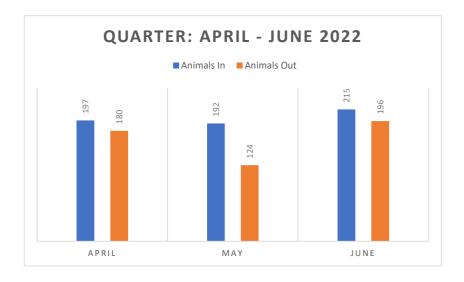
# Animal Care & Control

## A total of 135 pets were adopted in June!

,	June Activities	
	Dogs	Cats
Total In	68	147
Total Out	57	139



A big thank you to this family for adopting two kittens from NCAS





## **FOSTERS NEEDED**



Nassau County Animal Services needs fosters for pregnant cats and dogs, orphaned kittens and puppies, and for animals that are sick or injured and need additional care for recovery. If you are interested in fostering an animal in need, please contact the shelter.

Contact:
Tim Maguire, Director
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Yulee, FL 32097
(904) 530-6150
tmaguire@nassaucountyfl.com

To view all Animal Services activities for June 2022, please visit <a href="https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/845/Animal-Services">https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/845/Animal-Services</a>



## STREAMLINING OF PROCESSES

The Procurement Department is excited to announce that with the assistance of the County and the Clerk IT Departments, it plans to automate the County's requisition to purchase order process by implementing requisition workflow in MUNIS.

#### Benefits of Automation:

- Increase efficiency
- Streamline process
- Boost productivity
- Improve data integrity
- Improve transparency
- Enhance internal controls

The process-related communication for each requisition will be retained within the workflow which can be assessed by relevant stakeholders. Automating requisition workflow will also make the review and approval process more efficient.

The Procurement Department is committed to using technology tools that will improve service and reduce costs. This is one facet in our ongoing effort to streamline the procurement and contracting process.

## **Vendor Outreach Sessions**



In late June, the Procurement Division hosted two successful vendor outreach events.

Participants learned about the County's procurement process and and how to register to be notified of future bid oppoprutnities. They also learned more about how to market their products and how to engage with County departments involved in the procurement process.



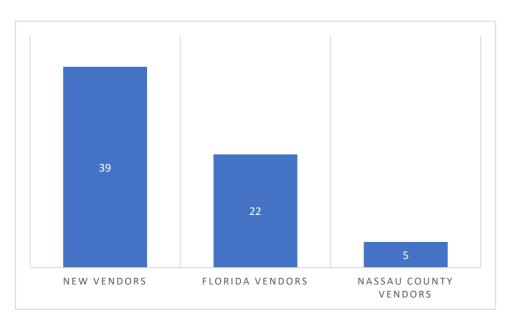
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## CONTRACTS ISSUED AND ASSOCIATED VALUE



## **NEW VENDOR REGISTRATIONS**

There were 39 vendors that registered to bid with Nassau County. Out of the 39 vendors, 22 were Florida vendors and 5 were local, Nassau County vendors.



## JUNE CONTRACTS

Vendor Name	Description of Product or Service	Value
Nassau Oaks Volunteer FD	Property Lease Agreement	\$1.00
LignoTech Florida, LLC	Economic Development Grant Reimbursement	\$1,068,335
LignoTech Florida, LLC	Contract Amendment - Clarifications to the original agreement	N/A
CDM Smith, Inc.	Contract Extension	N/A
Nassau Oaks Volunteer FD	Vehicle Lease Agreement extension	\$1.00
FL Depart of Juvenile Justice	Contract extension	\$110,000
Bright Minds Youth Dev.	Contract extension	Varies
GAI Consultants, inc.	Contract extension	N/A
Nassau Co. School Distirct; Raydient LLC	School Concurrency Fairshare Agreement	\$76,572
Fleetwash	Interior/exterior surface repair, painting, etc.	\$300,000
Hall-Mark	Piggyback Agmt. for Fire Rescue vehicles and equipment	\$653,717
Peters & Yaffee, Inc.	Review and compare calculations for Barnwell Manor Phase 3	\$17,335
Bug Out	Renewal of contract for pest control services	\$456.00
FSCJ	Rental Agreement for the David Yulee room	\$260.00
Tritech Software Systems	Software Services Agreement for emergency billing	\$7,394

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## County Attorney

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the County Attorney's Office is to provide high quality, timely, professional, and cost-effective legal representation to the Board of County Commissioners, and to other officials of Nassau County as directed by the Board.



Amelia-Island Tree Commission.

The County Attorney is responsible for providing orientation to new boards and committees established under the Board of County Commissioners, as well as new members appointed to existing boards. The orientation session generally consists of the County Attorney providing a brief overview of the Florida Sunshine Law, Public Records Laws, and Ethics Laws, explaining how these legal matters pertain to the official duties of each member and the penalties associated with violating these laws. Pictured here is County Attorney, Denise May, explaining ex-parte communications during orientation of the Nassau County

The County Attorney also reviews the proper procedures for conducting effective and efficient public meetings by explaining the difference between quasi-judicial and non-quasi-judicial or legislative public hearings. Legislative decisions establish policies, while quasi-judicial decisions are the application of those policies. Quasi-judicial public hearings involve stricter procedural criteria such as accepting documents into the official record, disclosing ex-parte communications, and decision-making based upon competent substantial evidence.

Overall, orientation is a vital and necessary tool that ensures consistent practices amongst boards and committees, and instructs the members to be well-informed and trained on the basic guidelines and legal procedures of conducting public meetings.

## JUNE ACTIVITIES



38 Requests for Legal Services Received



Requests for Legal Services Completed



20 Public Notices Processed



89
Public Records
Requests Fulfilled

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The Road Department, Facilities Department, Parks & Recreation, and Solid Waste Department all fall under the umbrella of Public



## **Solid Waste**

### June Activities

Total Recycling Collected 47.19 tons



Scrap Metal
15.35 tons

Single-Stream 22.82 tons



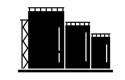
Cardboard 9.02 tons

Tires Collected 108





145.80 tons of household garbage collected and hauled to Camden County landfill



371,400 gallons of leachate removed

From April - June 2022, 146 tons of recyclable materials were accepted and recycled

### POST CLOSURE ACTIVITIES\*



Water well level readings



Mowing around gas wells



Flare inspection

\*Even after a landfill is closed, there are still certain requirements by the State to maintain the site

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Callahan, FL 32011
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To view all Solid Waste activities for June 2022, visit <a href="https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/228/Solid-Waste">https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/228/Solid-Waste</a>

## Public Works

## **Road Department**

### JUNE





## **Chainsaw Training**



Members of Public Works participated in chainsaw training in June. These skills are used in clearing lines of site at intersections, trimming trees around power lines and trimming of low hanging branches near sidewalks and trails.

## **Work Order Highlights for June**

### **Culvert Repairs**

 Staff completed 8 work orders for various driveway repairs

### **Roadside Ditch Cleaning**

 Staff completed 14 work orders digging ditches in various locations around the County

### **Storm Drain Cleaning**

 Staff completed 7 work orders using the vacuum truck

#### **Fleet Maintenance**

- Performed 39 work orders for preventative maintenance
- Performed 82 nonscheduled maintenance work orders
- Dispensed 2,685 gallons of diesel fuel

#### **Paved Road Maintenance**

- Staff completed 7 work orders for misc. maintenance
- Staff completed 12 work orders for pot hole repairs
- Staff completed 9 work orders for roadway shoulder repairs
- Staff completed 38 work orders for tree/debris removal



New crosswalk striping on Willow Oak Lane



Routine maintenance on Turkey Town Road



Repairing potholes on Gerbing Road

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To view all Road Department activities for June 2022, please visit: <a href="https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/197/Road-Department">https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/197/Road-Department</a>

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## Public Works

## Parks & Recreation

### NASSAU CROSSING PARK

In June, the developer laid a new multi-purpose path at the Nassau Crossing Park.

The target date for the opening of this park is still August/September.





## Other Activities



Cleaning of beach mobi mats



Repairs to Beach Walkover



Parks and Recreation Director presents capital project update to the Board

Note: Repairs and maintenance of parks are performed by Facilities

Maintenance personnel

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To view all Parks & Recreation activities for June 2022, please view the Public Works report at <a href="https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/73/">https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/73/</a>
Facilities-Maintenance

## Public Works

## **Facilities Maintenance**



Since May 2019, Facilities staff have dedicated approximately 3,000 manhours building the new County Extension Office. This includes putting up the structure; installing drywall; painting; laying carpet; installing plumbing; installing HVAC/air conditioning; electrical work; digging trenches for utilities and more.



The Public Works Director and several supervisors in the Facilities Department hosted an appreciation luncheon for those staff members to recognize them for their hard work and dedication and to celebrate completion of the project.

Facilities Maintenance processed 1,292 work orders in June. During the quarter of April - June 2022, a total of 3,569 work orders were processed.



Removing graffiti from the playground at Goffinsville Park



Refreshing the paint on the American Beach Community Center sign



New screen door at the American Beach Community Center



Constructing a new partition wall at the Yulee Health Clinic

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To view all Facilities Maintenance activities for June 2022, visit <a href="https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/73/Facilities-Maintenance">https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/73/Facilities-Maintenance</a>



## Engineering Services

## Transportation Project Highlights

County Road 108 Safety
Improvements: Construction from
Middle Rd. to US 17 and Bay Rd. to
Middle Rd. is expected to begin in the
fall of 2022.

Henry Smith Road Improvements: Construction is awaiting FDEP permitting and is expected to start in the Fall of 2022.

Pratt Siding Road Improvements: Plans 90% complete. Right-of-Way identification and acquisition are currently underway. Construction to begin Fall/Winter of 2022.

William Burgess Blvd: Right-of-way acquisition is complete. Engineering plan received in May 2022. Construction expected to begin in the Fall of 2022.

#### Note:

A full list of transportation projects can be located on Engineering's website. Other projects include:
Amelia Island Parkway Trail, Citrona Drive Safety Improvements, Pages Dairy/Chester Rd. Intersection Improvements, River Rd. Safety Improvements, William Burgess Extension, and the William Burgess & Harts Rd. Roundabout Project. (see link to Engineering reports below)

## **June Activities**

Driveway/Sidewalk Permits Issued:	203
Driveway/Sidewalk Inspections Performed:	313
Utility Permits Issued:	23
Building Permits Reviewed:	358
Borrow Pit Permits:	2
Drainage Concerns Logged:	12
DRC Pre-applications Reviewed:	6
Site Engineering Plans Reviewed:	18
Variance Requests Reviewed:	1

### **Development Review**

Commercial properties reviewed for the Yulee area include a church site, car wash, veterinary clinic, outparcel development and a contractor facility. On Amelia Island, two shopping areas and an RV Campground were reviewed.

## **Stormwater and Drainage**

On June 6, 2022, Engineering Services hosted a Community Meeting for staff to present the findings for Chester Road Drainage Study Report.

Additional field investigation and plans to remedy the situation are currently underway.



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To view all Engineering activities for June 2022, please visit <a href="https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/117/Engineering-Services">https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/117/Engineering-Services</a>

## Building Department

Permits	# Issued in June	Quarter: April - June
New Builds, Additions, Rehabs, Roofs, Siding, Signs	406	1,282
Mobile Home & Modular Home	3	29
Electrical	309	938
Mechanical	224	680
Plumbing	151	561
TOTAL	1,093	3,490
	Other Activities	
Contractor Licenses Issued	71	150
Certificate of Occupancies Issued	163	438
Inspections Performed	4,069	11,921

## **Community Feedback**

The Nassau County
Building Department is the
best in Northeast Florida!
-G. Smith

Building Department staff
has always treated me with resepct
and have been very helpful in
acquiring necessary permits.

-C. Little

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June 2022

## Human Resources

## **June Activities**

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## Employee Benefits

New Hires:	3
Terminations/Retirements:	8
Positions Posted:	11

Benefit Enrollment: 15
Benefit Terminations: 6
Benefit Changes: 4

## **County Received Healthiest Companies Silver Level Award**



Laura Scott and Kariana
Haynes accepted the Silver
Level Award on behalf of the
County

First Coast Worksite Wellness Council holds an annual wellness seminar where they award companies who are making strides to improve the health and well-being of their employees. There are different levels of wellness awards you can apply for. ranging from Silver, Gold, and Platinum. The level awarded is based off a lengthy application process, where you must meet certain eligibility requirements for each level. The County initially received this award in 2018 and we have applied and received it every year since then. Our wellness program strives to support the seven areas of well-being; mental, physical, social, financial, spiritual, environmental, and occupational. It is truly a whole person approach to well-being. This award showcases all of the work we do throughout the year and the ways we are empowering our employees wellbeing in Nassau County. Our goal for next year is to gain more participation in our program, have healthier, happier employees, and apply for and receive the Gold level award.

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## Public Information Office

## June activities included:

- Monthly newsletter for May
- Customer Care Standards: posters finalized and hung in the James S. Page Governmental Complex
- Completed required Cyber Security Training
- Participated in two 3CMA Communications Webinars
- Coordinated Ribbon Cutting for County Extension Office held on June 10, 2022
- Working on Annual Report to be issued in Fall of 2022
- Attended and photographed Governor DeSantis' check presentation to the Town of Callahan for water and sewer expansion project
- 33 stories posted to The County Insider
- 37 FaceBook posts reaching 98,159
- 25 Tweets
- 21 LinkedIn posts
- Press Releases issued: 4
- Resolutions prepared: 4

## Social Media Followers as of June 30, 2022

FaceBook followers: 9,984
Twitter Followers: 380
YouTube Followers: 94
LinkedIn Followers: 98

## Follow Us on Social Media!



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https://twitter.com/FINassau



https://www.youtube.com/ channel/UCPcL9uy37-oy\_iX1ka\_ fW8Q



https://www.linkedin.com/company/ nassau-county-board-of-countycommissioners

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## Planning Department

Pre-application Reviews	DRC Approvals/ Recommendations
Commerial Projects: 5 Subdivision Plans: 0 Subdivision Plats: 0	Subdivision Plans: 2 Subdivision Plans 1 Subdivision Plats 1

## Regional Leadership Academy Discusses Growth and Development in Nassau County



The Regional Leadership Academy convenes volunteers across the Northeast Florida region to come together for a day to explore each county in the region. These leaders represent large and small businesses, educators, nonprofits, government, healthcare, elected officials, and media.

On June 29, 2022, Planning Director Thad Crowe and American Beach property owner and community activist Pastor Carlton Jones gave a presentation to 15 RLA members at the American Beach Community Center on American Beach history and an overview of Nassau County growth and development issues. A lively question and answer session followed.

## BOARD SETS WORKSHOP FOR WILDLIGHT DETAILED SITE AREA PLAN (DSAP)

The East Nassau County Planning Area (Wildlight) last year submitted an amendment to the land use map for 14,000+ acres located east of US 17, north of Pages Dairy Road, and west of Chester Road. This area includes planned conservation areas for wetlands, creeks and the St Marys River frontage, and a development pattern of village centers and surrounding neighborhoods, complete with park and school sites. Planning Director Thad Crowe presented staff findings to the Board of County Commissioners at their June 27, 2022 meeting, and a workshop on this large development will be held at 3pm on July 25.

## **CLAM Update**



From July 24, 2021 through December 31, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners sought nominations from the public for properties to be considered for acquisition by the

County for conservation purposes. A total of 750 nominations were received.

At the May 19, 2022 Conservation Land Acquisition Management (CLAM) Committee, Assistant Planning Director, Holly Coyle, did a presentation and update on the CLAM. The presentation included information on the criteria that was used in selecting the

properties to be considered by the County Commission. At this time, 30 projects consisting of 173 parcels and 10,000 acres and a total value of \$110 million have been recommended.

The CLAM Committee met again on July 6, 2022 to continue discussions regarding staff's project recommendations and ranking. Staff provided two alternative ranking recommendations, as well as an estimate of project acquisition timing.

At the next Committee meeting scheduled for August 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., nominators will be given the opportunity to advocate for project submittals. A final ranking recommendation by the Committee is anticipated.

If you have any questions, please contact, Holly Coyle, at (904) 530-6010 or via email at hcoyle@nassaucountyfl.com.

The CLAM can be located at: <a href="https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/1283/Conservation-Land-Acquisition-Management">https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/1283/Conservation-Land-Acquisition-Management</a>

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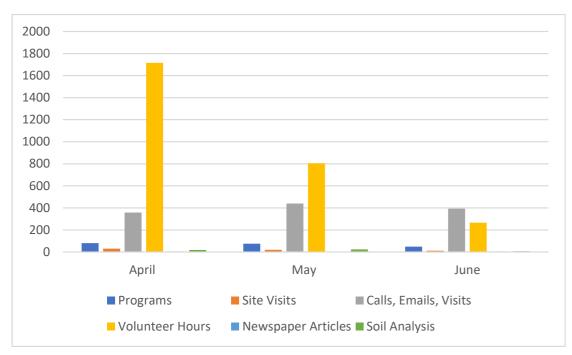
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The County Extension offers classes and information related to 4-H youth development, agriculture and natural resources, lawns and landscapes, and family and consumer services.

Services	Qty.	Estimated Savings to Residents
Total Programs/Activities	48	\$6,566.40
Site Visits	12	\$820.80
Phone, Email and Office Visits	393	\$6,720.30
Volunteer Hours	266	\$7,001.12
Newspaper Articles	5	\$594.40
Soil Analysis	7	\$140.00

## Quarterly Statistics April - June 2022



During the last quarter, the County Extension Office has provided 2,785 volunteer hours, saving residents approximately \$169,998 for services.

## **Horticulture**

The mission of the Horticulture Extension Agent is to provide science-based horticulture recommendations for residents, green-industry professionals, planners, designers, and communities through educational resources, trainings, and outreach programs.

### **Success Story:**

After threes years of construction, UF/IFAS Extension Nassau County's Rebecca L. Jordi Cooperative Extension Office officially held its ribbon-cutting ceremony. Family of Rebecca Jordi, Master Gardener Volunteers, 4-H Youth Development youth, and the community joined with Nassau County and UF/IFAS Extension faculty and staff for the event. Nearly 150 people joined together for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The new facility will serve as the main extension office for UF/IFAS Extension Nassau County and the county residence to allow for more diverse extension programming and outreach capabilities.

## **Family & Consumer Sciences**

The mission of the Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Agent is to bring the educational resources of the University of Florida to the residents of Nassau County to improve their quality of life in the areas of Health and Nutrition, Aging and Human Development, general financial management, and 4-H Youth Development.

## **Success Story:**

Local resident pressured by insurance salesman switched Medicare health plan and discovered that local doctors did not accept the new plan. As a result, she had to cancel two major procedures. Wendy turned to FCS Agent, Meg McAlpine, to get advice about her situation. With assistance from Meg, a call was placed to Medicare, citing that Wendy had been mislead by the insurance representative, and per Medicare she is entitled to disenroll and reenroll in her original Medicare plan. The ninety minute conference call was successful, and Wendy is now enrolled in her previous plan and will be able to see her doctors and receive the treatment she was prescribed.

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